

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 69

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to school crossing guards.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 41, Machado. School crossing guards.

This measure would recognize the significant task of men and women who serve as school crossing guards of ensuring the safety of schoolchildren.

WHEREAS, School crossing guards have played a vital role in ensuring the safety of children for many years; and

WHEREAS, School crossing guards are responsible for reporting to a designated street corner, safely escorting children across busy crosswalks or intersections, and monitoring the flow of traffic to ensure the safe passage of children; and

WHEREAS, School crossing guards exercise sound independent judgment in their conduct of work, interact with, and enjoy a high degree of respect from, children, parents, and all other members of our community, are responsible, and display enthusiasm in working with children; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Transportation, children ages 5 to 15, inclusive, have the highest pedestrian injury rates in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Elementary school children are of particular concern because they are often deficient in cognitive skills necessary to successfully interact with traffic; and

WHEREAS, Men and women who serve as school crossing guards have the important task of ensuring the safety of schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, Serving as a school crossing guard is often dangerous, as evidenced by the death of Byron G. "Bud" Brown Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Byron G. "Bud" Brown Sr., an 85-year-old man who began serving as a school crossing guard in the 1980s, was fatally injured near Westmore Oaks Elementary School in West Sacramento on October 9, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown had just guided several Westmore Oaks Elementary School pupils across the street when he was struck by a car on Park Boulevard; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes the significant task of

men and women who serve as school crossing guards of ensuring the safety of schoolchildren; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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